

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 5.

By the present Amendment, claim 1 has been re-written to incorporate all subject matter of claim 5. As such, claim 1 now effectively corresponds to claim 5 re-written into independent form to incorporate all subject matter of both the parent claim 1 and the previously dependent claim 5. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of amended claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-4 is respectfully requested.

Also by the present amendment, claims 5-20 have been canceled. Claim 5, of course, has been canceled to avoid redundancy, noting that its subject matter is now found in claim 1. Claims 6-13, withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species, have also been canceled, without prejudice to the applicants' right to proceed with the filing of a divisional application directed to these canceled claims. Similarly, applicant reserves the right to proceed with the subject matter of the canceled claims 14-20 either in such a divisional application or a continuation application.

Finally, by the present amendment, the minor amendment to the Specification noted in the Office Action has been corrected. Therefore, removal of the objection set forth in paragraph 5 of the Office Action is also respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 1374.43663X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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